

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A method for saving rainforests comprising the steps of:
 - a. Selling and/or leasing rainforest areas to people;
 - b. Guarding said areas; and:
 - c. Making the selling and/or leasing of said areas conditional upon acceptance by the buyers of various limitations on the allowed uses of them.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said selling and/or leasing of areas to people is combined with sustainable harvesting to the extent possible.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the following features exists:
 - a. The buyers have to invest additional funds if they want their areas to become part of the sustainable harvesting.
 - b. The sustainable harvesting is done only in some of the areas and the profits from the sustainable harvesting are shared between the areas owners proportionally to their holdings.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the areas are at least one of:
 - a. Actual specific areas.
 - b. Virtual areas that are not bound to a single location
 - c. Areas where the buyers can choose a more general area and then within that area the exact area may change.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the following features exists:
 - a. The price per unit increases in reverse to the percent of rainforests remaining.
 - b. The price per unit constantly increases at certain time intervals independently of the actual rate of destruction.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein there are reductions in price according to quantity, so that the more areas someone buys, the less he has to pay per unit.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein multilevel marketing is also used, so that people have a direct incentive for telling more friends about this and convincing them to buy additional rainforest lands.
8. The method of claim 7 wherein at least one of the following features exists:
 - a. Each person gets some commission also for sales brought about by someone which he/she brought into the organization, at least until a certain chain length and/or until a certain maximum cumulative commission is reached.
 - b. Users can have an option of delayed payment, so that they can buy the areas temporarily without paying for them and then have a grace period for actually paying and keeping the areas or part of them.
 - c. The participants don't have to buy areas in order to sell areas to others, but can also act as agents even without buying any areas themselves at all, thus still getting the commissions for each sale.
 - d. The multi-level structure can be traced on the Internet so that each user can know at all times at least one of how many "agents" are working in the logical tree below him at any time and how many areas each of them sold and what his credit status is at any time.

- e. In addition, at least once in a while, also public stocks of the organization itself are offered, so that more funds can be gained for supporting its causes.
 - f. Users have to make at least some small non-refundable deposit for each unit, which remains paid even if they eventually choose not to buy the unit.
 - g. Users can buy acres from the organization at cheaper rates depending on the amount of acres that they have already bought and/or sold so far.
9. The method claim 1 wherein deals are made with the respective governments so that by getting the higher prices per acre than the small amount that they get for allowing to destroy each acre, said governments also agree to at least one of:
- a. Guard the bought areas by at least one of police, army forces, and special forces designated for this.
 - b. Change the laws if needed and enforce them, so that destroying rainforest lands becomes punishable by at least one of large fines and imprisonment.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein deals are made with at least one of the local populations and indigenous natives, wherein at least one of:
- a. They are paid to guard areas or at least to issue a warning immediately when they spot dangerous or suspect activities
 - b. They are also employed for sustainable harvesting.
 - c. They are getting revenues from sustainable harvesting.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein hi-tech surveillance is used in order to report in real time the conditions of large areas, based on at least one of:

- a. Stationary Satellites that consecutively cover the same area.
- b. Low orbit satellites which cover the desired areas intermittently.
- c. At least one of zeppelins and balloons.
- d. Other hitech surveillance means.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein alternate sources for at least one of fuel and wood are encouraged, thus supplying the demand and removing much of the incentives that currently exist for continuing to destroy the rainforests.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein at least one of hemp or Kenaf or other fast growing plants are grown and used for at least one of wood and energy instead of rainforest trees.

14. An organization for saving the rainforests based on a combination of:

- a. Selling and/or leasing rainforest areas to people;
- b. Guarding said areas; and:
- c. Making the selling and/or leasing of said areas conditional upon acceptance by the buyers of various limitations on the allowed uses of them.

15. The organization of claim 14 wherein said selling and/or leasing of areas to people is combined with sustainable harvesting to the extent possible.

16. The organization of claim 15 wherein at least one of the following features exists:

- a. The buyers have to invest additional funds if they want their areas to become part of the sustainable harvesting.
- b. The sustainable harvesting is done only in some of the areas and the profits from the sustainable harvesting are shared between the areas owners proportionally to their holdings.

17. The organization of claim 14 wherein the areas are at least one of:

- a. Actual specific areas.
- b. Virtual areas that are not bound to a single location
- c. Areas where the buyers can choose a more general area and then within that area the exact area may change.

18. The organization of claim 14 wherein at least one of the following features exists:

- a. The price per unit increases in reverse to the percent of rainforests remaining.
- b. The price per unit constantly increases at certain time intervals independently of the actual rate of destruction.

19. The organization of claim 14 wherein there are reductions in price according to quantity, so that the more areas someone buys, the less he has to pay per unit.

20. The organization of claim 14 wherein multilevel marketing is also used, so that people have a direct incentive for telling more friends about this and convincing them to buy additional rainforest lands.

21. The organization of claim 20 wherein at least one of the following features exists:

- a. Each person gets some commission also for sales brought about by someone which he/she brought into the organization, at least until a certain chain length and/or until a certain maximum cumulative commission is reached.
- b. Users can have an option of delayed payment, so that they can buy the areas temporarily without paying for them and then have a grace period for actually paying and keeping the areas or part of them.
- c. The participants don't have to buy areas in order to sell areas to others, but can also act as agents even without buying any areas themselves at all, thus still getting the commissions for each sale.
- d. The multi-level structure can be traced on the Internet so that each user can know at all times at least one of how many "agents" are working in the logical tree below him at any time and how many areas each of them sold and what his credit status is at any time,
- e. In addition, at least once in a while, also public stocks of the organization itself are offered, so that more funds can be gained for supporting its causes.
- f. Users have to make at least some small non-refundable deposit for each unit which remains paid even if they eventually choose not to buy the unit.
- g. Users can buy acres from the organization at cheaper rates depending on the amount of acres that they have already bought and/or sold so far.

22. The organization of claim 14 wherein deals are made with the respective governments so that by getting the higher prices per acre than the small amount that they get for allowing to destroy each acre, said governments also agree to at least one of:

- a. Guard the bought areas by at least one of police, army forces, and special forces designated for this.
- b. Change the laws and enforce them, so that destroying rainforest lands becomes punishable by at least one of large fines and imprisonment.

23. The organization of claim 14 wherein deals are made with at least one of the local populations and indigenous natives, wherein at least one of:

- a. They are paid to guard areas or at least to issue a warning immediately when they spot dangerous or suspect activities
- b. They are also employed for sustainable harvesting.
- c. They are getting revenues from sustainable harvesting.

24. The organization of claim 14 wherein hi-tech surveillance is used in order to report in real time the conditions of large areas, based on at least one of:

- a. Stationary Satellites that consecutively cover the same area.
- b. Low orbit satellites which cover the desired areas intermittently.
- c. At least one of zeppelins and balloons.
- d. Other hitech surveillance means.

25. The organization claim 14 wherein alternate sources for at least one of fuel and wood are encouraged, thus supplying the demand and removing much of the incentives that currently exist for continuing to destroy the rainforests.

26. The organization of claim 14 wherein at least one of hemp or Kenaf or other fast growing plants are grown and used for at least one of wood and energy instead of rainforest trees.
27. The method of claim 1 wherein Class Action suits are filed against at least one of multi-national organizations who destroy the rainforests, individual members of their managements, relevant governments, and specific politicians that allow it, on account of at least one of crimes against humanity and damages caused to humanity.
28. The method of claim 27 wherein the multinational organization are sued also for paying back damages for the destruction already caused by them, and the governments are sued only for future damages unless they immediately change their policies that allow the destruction to go on.
29. The method of claim 1 wherein at least in countries that have limitations on buying these lands, at least one of the following features exists:
 - a. Instead of the areas themselves, what is sold is at least one of: Only the sustainable harvesting rights for a certain period, or a lease.
 - b. At least one of the government and the organization really owns the areas, but the clients only lease them.
30. The method of claim 1 wherein the areas are purchased in large bunches, in order to reduce overhead costs, by at least one of: buying each time a sufficiently large bunch in advance, and accumulating orders together and only then doing the actual purchase as one transaction.
31. The method of claim 1 wherein the buyers can share also other potential revenues from the sold and/or leased areas.

32. The method of claim 1 wherein users can view interactively rainforests areas and at least one of the following features exists:

- a. Users can see their bought acres or at least their general area or areas, by live feed on the Internet, for through satellites and/or balloons and/or zeppelins.
- b. There are various zoom functions available and the users can focus on various areas.
- c. There are multiple cameras on zeppelins and/or balloons and/or satellites.
- d. Users can give remotely various commands to at least some of the cameras.
- e. Various cameras constantly rotate and/or change focus and the users can view various areas based on the recently acquired relevant images.

33. The method of claim 1 wherein balloons and/or zeppelins are used as one of the methods of carrying harvests from various areas and at least one of the following features exists:

- a. Said zeppelins and/or balloons can land in cleared areas.
- b. Said zeppelins and/or balloons stay above the canopy and the cargo is pulled up to them with ropes.
- c. Said zeppelins and/or balloons stay above the canopy and the cargo is pulled up to them with ropes, and said ropes are lowered from the zeppelin or balloon, or the rope is sent up with a smaller balloon and then the zeppelin pulls up the cargo that is attached to the rope on the ground.